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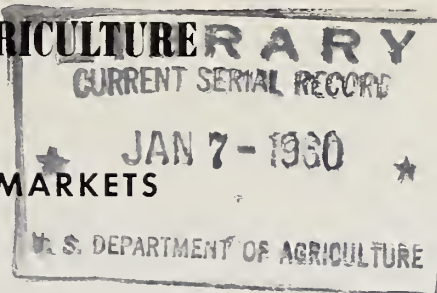
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More than 60 livestock terminal markets are located across the United States. All of them are supervised under the regulations of the Packers and Stockyards Act which is a Federal law requiring open, competitive markets free of unfair trade practices. USDA livestock market news reporters cover the transactions there between buyers and sellers and make their reports available to the public. These photographs, taken for USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service, illustrate some of the activities in livestock terminal markets.



N-34466--This view is typical of a large livestock terminal market.



N-34465--This is another view of the same market.



N-34467--A large pen of beef cattle awaits sale at the market.



N-32590--Every day, trucks are backed up to the unloading docks of terminal markets.

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N-32525--Trucks unloading livestock are timed for the length of stay at the unloading docks by an AMS packers and stockyards branch engineer.



N-34405--Railroad car of hogs is watered down to cool off hogs enroute to the terminal market during hot weather.



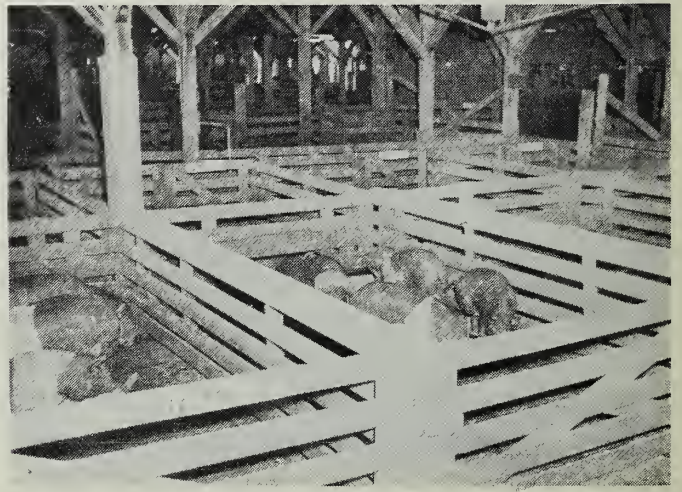
N-27763--Livestock arrives at terminal markets by rail; here a carload of feeder cattle from North Dakota is received and inspected at an eastern market.



N-34411--Sheep move down an alley at a midwestern market after being unloaded from a rail car that originated in Texas, and head for feed, water, and rest.



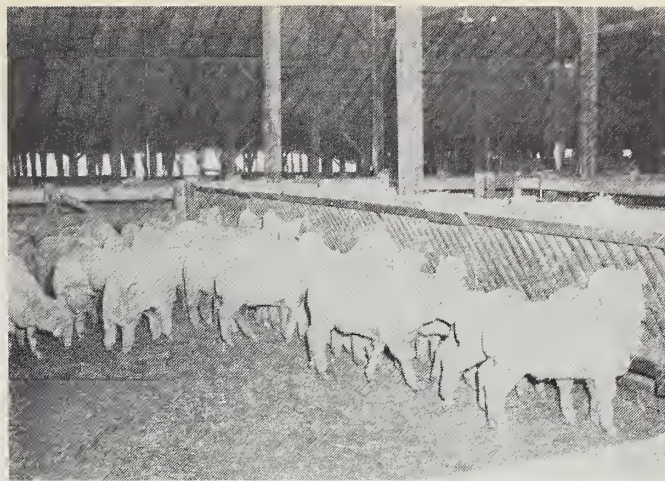
N-27759--A USDA inspector checks the brucellosis reactor brand and quarantine tag on a cow, while a State inspector records it.



N-32559--Hogs are sorted by weight and grade in small pens at a midwest market.



N-27767--Stockyards crew members feed cattle in the holding pens.



N-34414--Lambs are fed and watered after being received at the stockyards.



N-32602--Buyers look at a pen of fat cattle at a midwestern market.



N-32511--A buyer uses a portable radio to contact his office and may conduct a conversation directly from his horse in the yards.



N-27753--A calf salesman for a commission firm shows a lot of vealers to a butcher at an eastern market.



N-34470--An order buyer and a commission company salesman trade on a pen of hogs at a terminal market.



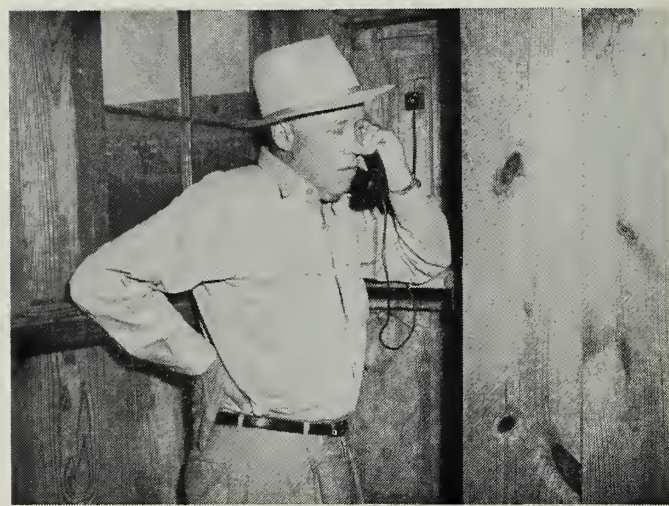
N-34409--A sheep producer and daughter from the mid-west look over their consignment of lambs with a sheep salesman at a terminal market.



N-32519--An AMS livestock market news reporter interviews a buyer to determine the day's prices on cattle.



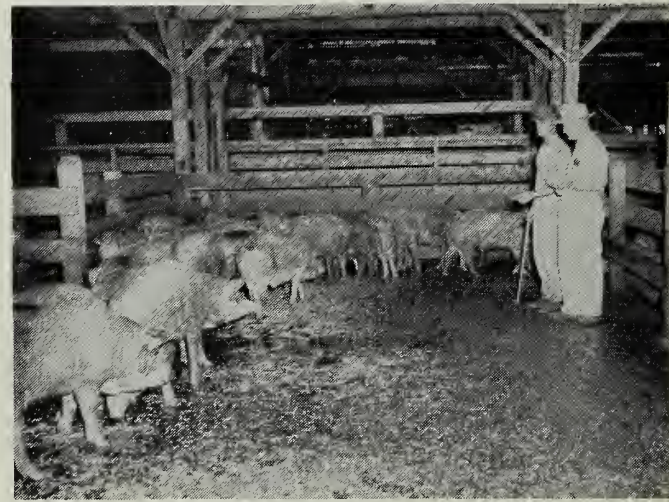
N-32556--An AMS livestock market news reporter, left, discusses the market situation with a livestock salesman as he determines price trends for hogs at this market.



N-32509--An AMS livestock market news reporter calls his office from the stockyards to report the latest price information at the yards.



N-32580--An AMS livestock market news reporter, left, discusses cattle prices with a couple of buyers at the stockyards.



N-34429--An AMS livestock market news reporter, right, discusses the day's selling prices with a packing company buyer as he determines the price trends for hogs at the market.



N-34430--A pen of sheep is the subject of discussion between the AMS livestock market news reporter, left, and a livestock salesman.



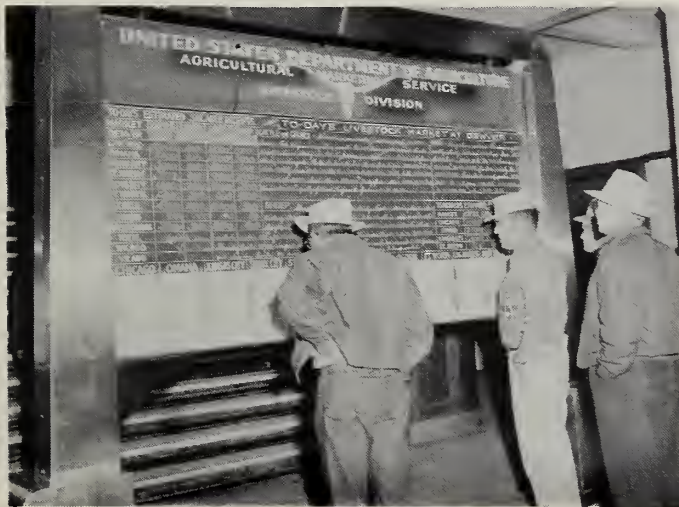
N-32581--An AMS livestock market news reporter uses a telephone to relay to his office up-to-the minute sales at the stockyards.



N-32588--To insure accuracy, AMS livestock market news reporters are grading a pen of cattle, and will later compare their grading with the actual carcass grades of the same animals (correlation grading).



N-32582--An AMS livestock market news reporter is in the process of grading a lamb picked from the group; later he will compare his grading with the actual carcass grade of the same animal (correlation grading).



N-32434--Bulletin boards, such as this one, are maintained at livestock terminal markets by the AMS livestock market news service.



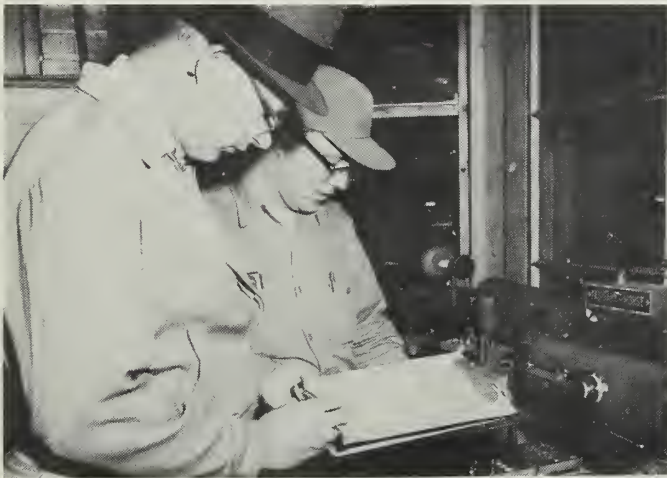
N-28269--Cattle enter the scale platform for weighing following their sale at a terminal market.



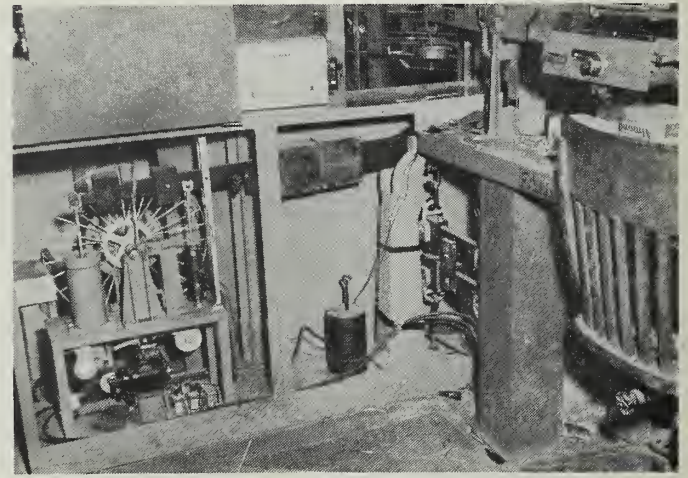
N-32351--The scale ticket goes into the slot to be stamped with the weight of the cattle on the scales.



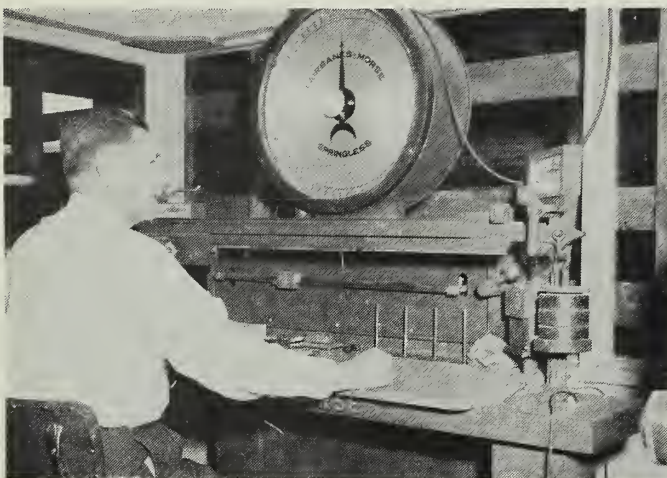
N-32353--An AMS packers and stockyards marketing specialist examines the scale ticket showing the stamped weight.



N-32357--An AMS packers and stockyards representative and the scale maintenance man employed by the stockyards company inspect the records of tests to determine the accuracy of the balance scale.



N-32354--This is a scale house with the regular weigh-beam scale at the right and an automatic weight recorder in a case at the left; the automatic weight recorder operates independently of the regular scale and records the true weight, regardless of how the other scale is operated.



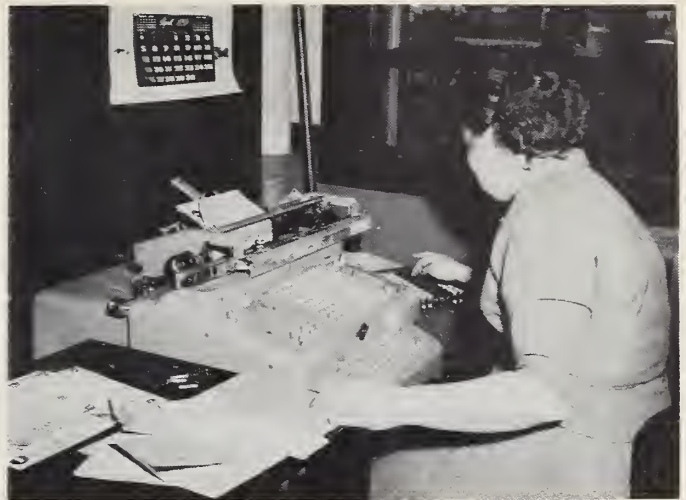
N-32570--The AMS packers and stockyards district supervisor tests cattle scales at a terminal market.



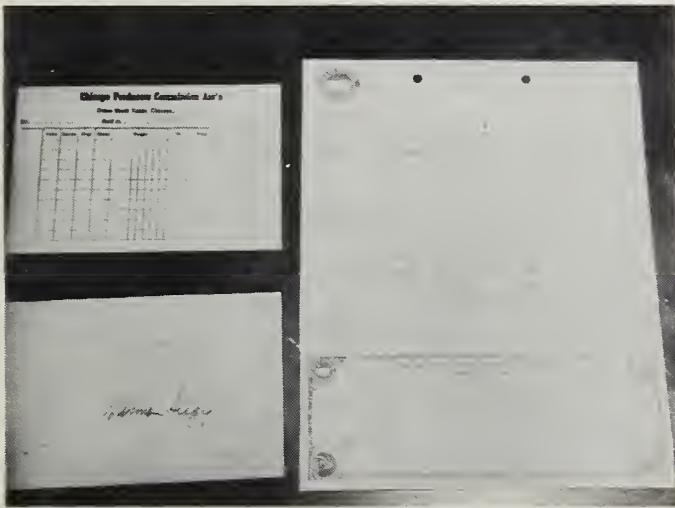
N-32567--Thousand-pound test weights are concentrated on one end of a terminal livestock market scale during a test.



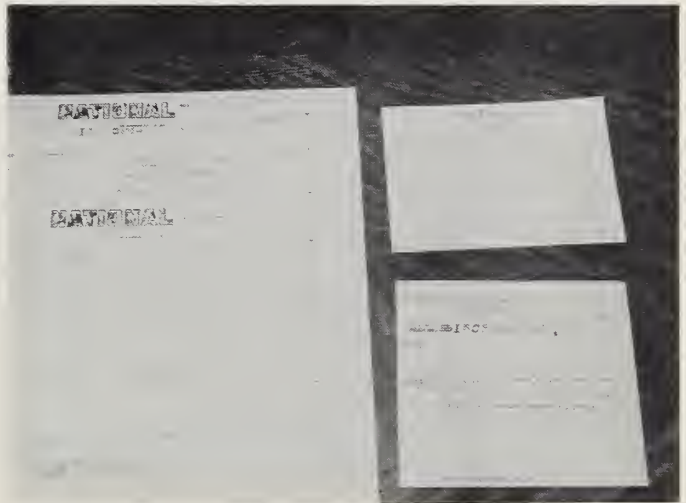
N-27781--Office round table where sales slips are processed and the billing done. This feature of livestock marketing is regulated by the Packers and Stockyards Act, which requires "full and accurate accounting."



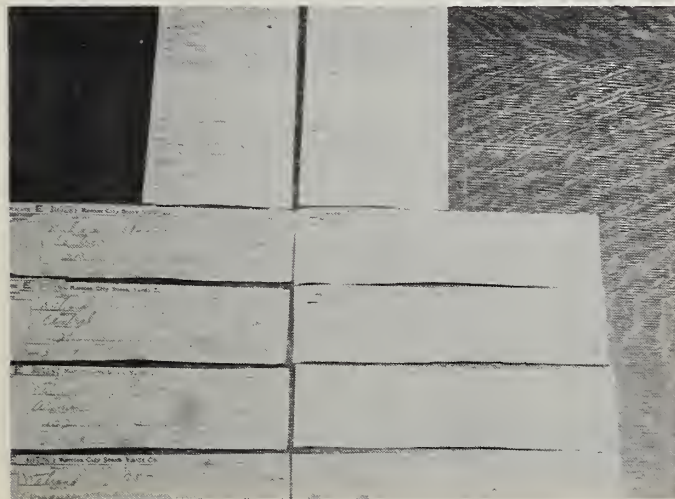
N-32364--A commission firm clerk uses modern business machines to make an account of sale and a check to the producer.



N-32362--An account of sale is made out by the commission firm to the producer accounting for deductions made from the sale price. Check for the balance is at the bottom of the "account of sale." All documents pertaining to the sale bear the same date.



N-32535--A commission firm's records include the account of sale, account of purchase, and buyers' bills and checks. (Details show more clearly when picture is enlarged).



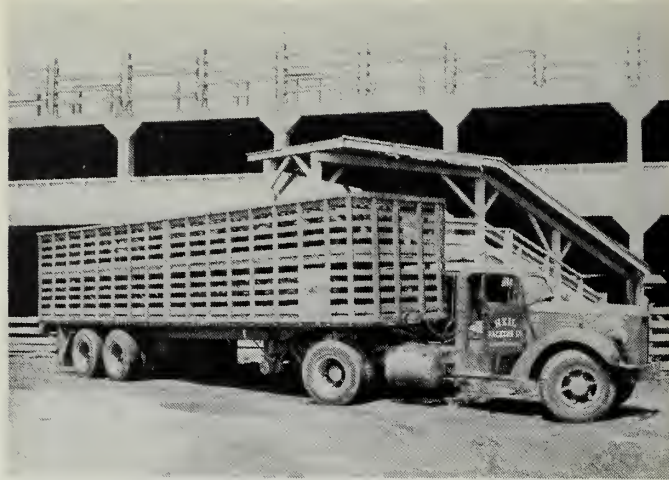
N-32536--These are the scale tickets and drive-in tickets received by a commission firm in a typical stockyards transaction.



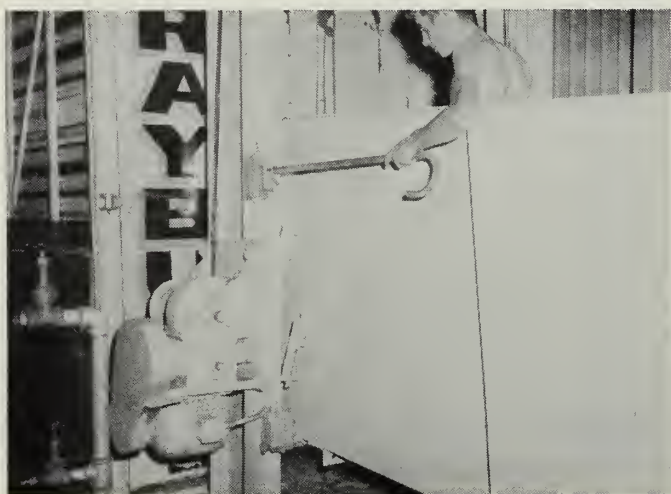
N-28270--Slaughter cattle are driven to a loading chute for trucking to the slaughterhouse near the terminal market.



N-34402--After sale, hogs are loaded in a railroad car at the stockyards, to be shipped to a distant slaughterer.



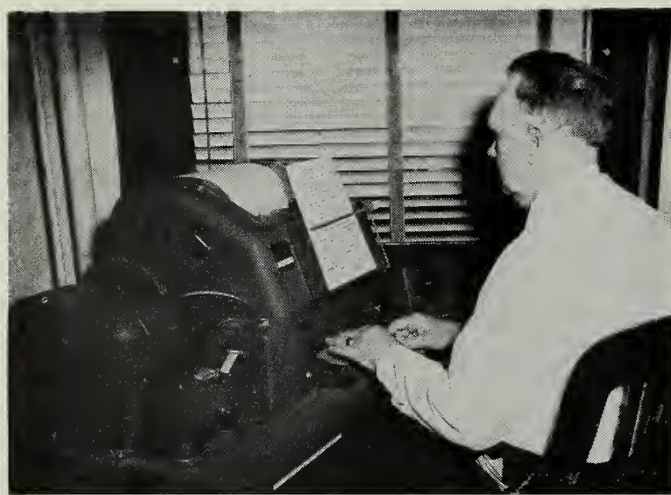
N-34415--Frequently hogs are loaded on a truck to be transported from the stockyards to a local packing plant.



N-34423--This close-up view shows how the mechanical lift on the loading chute is lifted by only one man to facilitate loading hogs or sheep out of a terminal market.



N-34421--This view shows how the loading chute is lifted to the top deck of a truck for loading hogs or sheep leaving the terminal market for shipment.



N-32571--An AMS livestock market news employee sends the market news from one terminal market over the leased wires of the USDA to 45 other terminal and producing centers.



N-32531--An AMS packers and stockyards auditor checks the records of a selling agency at a terminal market.